

## Message Text

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, EG, US  
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S PROPOSED TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

1. IN MY MEETING WITH FAHMY YESTERDAY, I CONVEYED TO HIM YOUR THANKS FOR THE COMMENTS HE HAD EARLIER ASKED BE TRANSMITTED TO YOU (CAIRO 338). I ALSO ASKED THAT HE CONVEY YOUR APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT SADAT FOR THE LATTER'S COMMENTS. I EMPHASIZED TO FAHMY THAT YOU HAD ASKED ME TO ASSURE THE PRESIDENT AND FAHMY THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION SHARES THE DESIRE FOR CLOSE RELATIONS WITH EGYPT, ACCORDS HIGH PRIORITY TO THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AND ENDORSES THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CLOSE PERSONAL WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH SADAT AND FAHMY. IN THIS CONTEXT, YOU HAD ASKED ME TO RAISE WITH SADAT AND FAHMY YOUR DESIRE TO VISIT EGYPT, AS PART OF A MIDDLE EAST EXPLORATORY TRIP, SOME-TIME IN MID-FEBRUARY, IF SUCH A VISIT IS AGREEABLE TO THE GOE.

2. FAHMY AT ONCE WARMLY WELCOMED YOUR PROPOSED VISIT. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF SUCH A POSSIBLE VISIT AND HAD HOPED THAT YOU WOULD IN FACT BE ABLE TO  
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DO SO. HE INDICATED HE WAS SPEAKING IN BEHALF OF SADAT IN BIDDING YOU WELCOME. HE ASKED THAT, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, YOU LET HIM KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE PRECISE DATES OF YOUR UPCOMING TRIP.

3. FAHMY READILY AGREED THAT ANY FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE TRIP SHOULD BE MADE IN WASHINGTON, ALTHOUGH HE NOTED

WRYLY THAT THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN STORIES OF THE TRIP IN  
THE ISRAELI PRESS AND IN AP DISPATCHES DATELINED WASHINGTON.  
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